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SUBJ: CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB US VISIT. US CAB WAIVER REQUEST - FAM - AIS-701-J(MELBOURNE).

REF A MELBOURNE 1729 B TOKYO 8405 NOTAL C SCHMITZ-MCKENZIE CONVERSATION, MELBOURNE O/A JUNE 1, 1977.

1. POST HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY PAN AM AND THE CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB (CFC) THAT THE CFC US VISIT IS DEFINITELY GOING AHEAD. COMPOSITION OF THIS GROUP IS: APPRXOIMATELY 50 PLAYERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS AND APPROX 100 CLUB SUPPORTERS. TOTAL 150 PEOPLE. GROUP WILL VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

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AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL WILL BE GIVEN AT SAN FRANCISCO CANDLESTICK PARK PRIOR TO MAIN 49ERS MATCH AND AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY WITH HOPE-FULLY OTHER EXHIBITION MATCHES AT UCLA OR SANTA BARBARA AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

2. REF C AS DISCUSSED WITH USTS SCHMITZ AND CFC MCKENZIE,

CFC IN COOPERATION WITH POST WOULD ATTEMPT TO INTEREST MAJOR LOCAL TV NETWORK TO PRODUCE A 60 MINUTE COLOUR TV SPECIAL OF CFC GROUP VISIT

TO U.S. WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PROMOTION OF TOURIST ATTRACTIONS GROUP WILL VISIT. MR RON CASEY, GENERAL MANAGER, HERALD-SUN TELE-VISION

PTY LTD (HSV CHANNEL 7) MELBOURNE VICTORIA, HAS AGREED TO PRODUCE A 60 MINUTE TV SPECIAL AS DESCRIBED, WHICH WILL BE SHOWN IN A PRIME TIME SLOT THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF VICTORIA SHORTLY AFTER RETURN OF GROUP

ESTIMATED VICTORIAN AUDIENCE WILL BE BETWEEN 1 1/2 AND 2 MILLION. PROGRAM RATING ESTIMATE AT 20-2 MCNAIR-ANDERSON AUSTRALIA, OR 25.30 SHARE, US RATING.

- 3. IN ADDITION CASEY AGREED TO OFFER PROGRAM TO SISTER TV STATIONS IN THE STATES OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WEST AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA. (THESE STATES PLAY SAME FOOTBALL.) THIS WOULD BOOST AUDIENCE FIGURE TO 3 1/2 TO 4 MILLION.
- 4. ALSO CASEY INTERESTED FILMING EXTRA FOOTAGE ON AMERICAN SPORTING EVENTS AND INTERVIEWS WITH AMERICAN SPORTING PERSONALITIES. THESE SEGMENTS TO BE SHOWN ON SEVERAL SUNDAY WORLD OF SPORT PROGRAMS, AUSTRALIA'S TOP RATING TV SPORTS PROGRAM.
- 5. USTS ACTION REQUESTED: WITH CONCURRENCE OF PAN AM, WHICH WILL BE MAIN CARRIER, POST REQUESTS CAB WAIVERS BE GRANTED TO THE FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONS:

- (A) MR KEITH MCKENZIE, GENERAL MANAGER, CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB WHO WILL BE TV PROGRAM ORGANIZER AND COORDINATOR AS WELL AS BEING IN CHARGE OF THE GROUP.
- (B) MR ROBERT DAVIS, SENIOR SPORTS COMPERE, HSV CHANNEL 7- WORLD OF SPORT, FYI DAVIS WILL INTERVIEW CFC TOUR PARTICIPANTS DURING TOUR, AS WELL AS US SPORTING PERSONALITIES.
- (C) MR ALAN BRAY, SENIOR CAMERAMAN, HSV CHANNEL 7 $\,$
- (D) MR GORDON BENNETT, SENIOR AUDIOMAN, HSV CHANNEL 7.
- 6. TV STATION HAS REQUESTED EXCESS BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE OF 150 KILOS.
- 7. FOLLOWING IS TV CREW ITINERARY:-
- (A) MCKENZIE ONLY:

DATE CITY CARRIER FLIGHT ETD ETA OCT 2, 1977 MEB-SFO PA 812 1235 1100

(B) DAVIS, BRAY AND BENNETT ONLY:

DATE CITY CARRIER FLIGHT ETD ETA
OCT 6, 1977 MEB-HNL PA 812 1345 0715
OCT 6, 1977 HNL-SFO PA 842 1300 2050

(C) MCKENZIE, DAVIS, BRAY AND BENNETT

OCT 12, 1977 SFO-LAS AW 935 1430 1707

OCT 14, 1977 LAS-GNC AW 700 1130 1215

OCT 15, 1977 GNC-LAS SCENIC AIRLINES 0930 1015

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OCT 15, 1977 LAS-LAX AW 263 1130 1230

OCT 20, 1977 LAX-HNL PA 811 2000 2205

OCT 25, 1977 HNL-MEB PA 811 2355 1110 PLUS 2

FYI CFC GROUP TRAVELS SAME ITINERARY AS B AND C.

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 $8.\ FYI$ BENEFITS OF GRANTING CAB WAIVERS THIS INSTANCE ARE EXPLAINED IN PARAS 2, 3 AND 4 ABOVE. POST REQUESTS USTS REPLY VIA CABLE WHEN WAIVERS GRANTED.

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